GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1432
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NGOS RECEIVING FOREIGN DONATIONS UNDER FCRA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Government organisations in the country which are receiving donations form foreign countries under FCRA;

(b) the amount received by these NGOs during the last three years;

(c) whether this amount is not being utilised in the interest of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the organisations applying for registration to receive foreign donations have come down in the recent past;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government have taken any decision to monitor the receipts of donations by the Non-Government organisations and their expenses;
(h) if so, the details thereof; and
(i) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The details of foreign contribution received by voluntary associations for the last three years is given below:

YEAR	NO. OF ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNT RECEIVED
		(Rs . in crores)
1997-98	12198	2864.51
1998-99	13775	3402.90
1999-2000	13986	3924.63

(c) & (d): An association having a definite cultural, economic, educational, social etc programme can accept foreign contribution after obtaining permission under the Foreign contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. The foreign contribution so received is to be utilized for the stated objectives and if any association is found contravening the provisions of the Act including misutilisation of funds, Central Government is empowered to take action against such associations.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.

(g) to (i) Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, associations which are covered under the said Act are required to furnish intimation in regard to receipt and utilization of the foreign contribution by them, on yearly basis, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, to the Ministry of Home Affairs.The monitoring of foreign contribution is done through the returns submitted by such associations. The Central Government is also empowered under the Act to order inspection of accounts or records or audit books of account of such associations.